

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1282

By Faulk

A RESOLUTION to congratulate William A. Underwood upon receiving the Richard C. Crawford Distinguished Service Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, William A. Underwood is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the highly respected and admired General Manager of Appalachian Electric Cooperative (AEC), Mr. Underwood was recently honored by the Tennessee Valley Public Power Association (TVPPA) with the prestigious Richard C. Crawford Distinguished Service Award; and

WHEREAS, as the association's highest honor, the Richard C. Crawford Distinguished Service Award is bestowed annually upon a member who has demonstrated exceptional leadership to the association, devotion to duty, service to consumer-owned power locally and in the Tennessee Valley Region, and who has contributed to the betterment of his community and region in a significant way; and

WHEREAS, nominated for this distinguished honor by district managers and chosen by a committee appointed by the TVPPA Board of Directors, Mr. Underwood was recognized at a special ceremony at the TVPPA's annual meeting on May 18, 2010 in Savannah, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Bill Underwood began his exemplary tenure with Appalachian Electric in 1970, first rendering sterling service in the accounting department; and

WHEREAS, his tireless efforts there did not go unnoticed, and Mr. Underwood was soon named Director of Office Services, and then General Manager, in which position he has served with acumen and alacrity since 1998; and

WHEREAS, throughout his forty outstanding years of service, Mr. Bill Underwood has stood as a strong advocate for members and local communities in the AEC service area and helped make AEC one of the top electric cooperatives in the TVA region; and

WHEREAS, Bill Underwood's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Underwood is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Bill Underwood is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate William A. Underwood upon receiving the Richard C. Crawford Distinguished Service Award, applaud his dedicated service to his fellow citizens, and wish him every continued success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.